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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Ronald Knegtel et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the December 27, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that Action for three (3) months, from March 27, 2005 up to and including June 27, 2005 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3).

Claim amendments begin at page 2. Remarks begin at page 12.

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